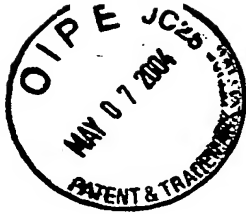


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Sir:

Our records indicate that we have not received any further correspondence in reference to the above-identified application since February 12, 2004 when we received the Notice of Publication of Application. Please advise the undersigned of the status of the application.

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